91st Illinois General Assembly Senate Transcript

STATE OF ILLINOIS
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

2nd Legislative Day

January 14, 1999

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood, South Side Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Chitwood.

THE REVEREND JEFF CHITWOOD:

(Prayer by the Reverend Jeff Chitwood)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, January 13th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the President, January 14th, 1999.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to the Rules of the Senate of the 91st General Assembly, attached hereto please find the Chairman and Vice-Chairman appointments to each of the standing committees, along with the number of majority and minority appointees to each standing committee.

Signed by President Philip.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1, offered by Senators Syverson and Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 4, offered by Senator Klemm.
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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 5, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 6, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 7, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 8, offered by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 9, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 10, offered by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 11, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 12, offered by Senator Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 13, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 14, offered by President Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 15, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 16, offered by Senators Dillard and DeLeo.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 17, offered by Senators -- Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 18, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 19, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 20, offered by Senators Rauschenberger, Weaver and Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 21, offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 22, offered by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 23, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 24, offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 6, offered by Senator Shaw and all Members.

Senate Resolution 7, offered by Senator Dillard and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 8, offered by Senator Bowles and all Members.

They're all three death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Consent Calendar. We'll now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any

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objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar? SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 25, offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Donahue, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Members of the Senate -or, Republican Members, anyway, I'd like to announce a caucus in
Republican Pate Philip's Office as soon as we adjourn.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

There will be a Republican Caucus upon adjournment for -- in the Office of the Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Demuzio, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I see you have your Parliamentarians, plural, both to your left and to your right. And since you have so much expertise up there, could you tell us what the schedule for the day is, and are we adjourning momentarily, or what? I mean, go ahead and confer and then let us know, will you?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Demuzio, this is deja vu all over again. Just like yesterday, you'll be notified shortly. Resolutions.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution $1\ --\$ or, Senate Joint Resolution $1,\$ offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Donahue. Senator Donahue moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Now Senator Donahue has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adoption. Senator Berman, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was wondering if I might ask Senator Donahue a question. In this new spirit of bipartisanship and a lack of -- removal of partisanship, as a Democrat, I want to know what time is the Republican Caucus that we can all attend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, Senator Donahue moves that the Senate stand adjourned until noon, Wednesday, January 27th.